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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May 1991 was 6.7 percent, increasing 1.0 from the April 1991 rate of 5.7. In May 1990 the state's unemployment rate was 3.9. For the nation, the adjusted unemployment rate was 6.9 in May 1991 . The national rate was 5.3 in May 1990.

The civilian labor force for North Carolina in May was estimated at 3,412,000, a monthly decline of 5,000 from the April estimate of 3,417,000. From May 1990, the civilian labor force declined by 19,000.

Seasonally adjusted employment for May was 3,183,000. This was a decline of 38,000 from the April level of 3,221,000. The number employed in May 1991 was 114,000 less than in May 1990. The number of persons unemployed increased by 33,000 in May (229,000) from April (196,000). From a year ago (134,000), the unemployed estimate was up by 95,000.

In May, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment declined to 3,101,500, or 5,800 less than the prior month's estimate of 3,107,300. An over-the-month loss of 2,200 in the goods producing sector and 3,600 in the service producing sector accounted for this decline. Manufacturing registered a loss of 100 and construction lost 2,200.

From May 1990-May 1991, industry payrolls declined by 35,100. Manufacturing employment declined by 33,400, to a level of 832,400 as employment in goods producing declined by 41,000 to 995,500. The manufacturing sector losses were most significant in furniture; textiles; electrical equipment; transportation equipment; stone, clay and glass; and apparel. In service producing (+5,900), strong gains occurred in service & miscellaneous (+13,800) and transportation, communication, and public utilities (+1,300).

Production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries earned $9.12 an hour in May. The average hours worked were 39.5, and average weekly earnings amounted to $360.24. There was an increase of 37 cents an hour in average hourly earnings from May 1990 . Workers in cigarette manufacturing were the highest hourly wage earners at $20.98. In service producing, the average hourly earnings were highest among workers in transportation, communication and public utilities at $13.53.

The number of production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries increased by 800, from 636,400 in April to 637,200 in May. This decline was spread across the entire sector. From May of last year, manufacturing lost 33,700 production workers. This loss occurred throughout the manufacturing sector with the most significant losses in the textile (-10,000); furniture (-5,800); electronic equipment (-3,300); transportation equipment (-3,000); and apparel (-5,300) industries.

There were 9,754 persons placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in May 1991. Of those 4,043 were placed in manufacturing industries; 2,096 persons found jobs in the service industry; while 1,551 were placed in the trade industry. By occupational category, 1,557 individuals were employed in packaging and materials handling; 1,070 in clerical; 1,495 in benchwork and 1,001 in machine trades.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

May 1991

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: December 1990 through May 1991					
	May 1990	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	May 1991
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,991	5,028	5,033	5,038	5,043	5,048	5,053
Civilian Labor Force	3,431	3,420	3,376	3,436	3,402	3,417	3,412
Participation Rate[1]	68.7	68.1	67.1	68.2	67.5	67.7	67.5
Employed	3,297	3,242	3,209	3,253	3,210	3,221	3,183
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	66.1	64.5	63.8	64.6	63.7	63.8	63.0
Unemployed	134	178	167	183	192	196	229
Unemployment Rate	3.9	5.2	4.9	5.3	5.6	5.7	6.7
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: Mar 1991 through May 1991		
	May 1990	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	May 1991
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,991	5,043	5,048	5,053
Civilian Labor Force	3,439	3,365	3,383	3,424
Participation Rate[1]	68.9	66.7	67.0	67.8
Employed	3,308	3,174	3,221	3,196
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	66.3	62.9	63.8	63.2
Unemployed	132	191	196	228
Unemployment Rate	3.8	5.7	5.7	6.6
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	1.5	3.3	3.2	INA

[1]The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.
[2]The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.
[3]The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

May 1991

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: December 1990 through May 1991					
	May 1990	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	May 1991
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	187,828	188,866	188,977	189,115	189,243	189,380	189,522
Civilian Labor Force	124,928	125,174	124,638	125,076	125,326	125,672	125,232
Participation Rate[1]	66.5	66.3	66.0	66.1	66.2	66.4	66.1
Employed	118,277	117,574	116,922	116,918	116,754	117,398	116,591
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	63.0	62.3	61.9	61.8	61.7	62.0	61.5
Unemployed	6,662	7,600	7,715	8,158	8,572	8,274	8,640
Unemployment Rate	5.3	6.1	6.2	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.9
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.1	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.3	INA

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: March 1991 through May 1991		
	May 1990	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	May 1991
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	187,828	189,243	189,380	189,522
Civilian Labor Force	124,640	124,443	124,727	124,857
Participation Rate[1]	66.4	65.8	65.9	65.9
Employed	118,277	115,639	116,678	116,624
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	63.0	61.1	61.6	61.5
Unemployed	6,363	8,8.4	8,049	8,233
Unemployment Rate	5.1	7.1	6.5	6.6
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.1	3.8	3.4	INA

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1990-May 1991

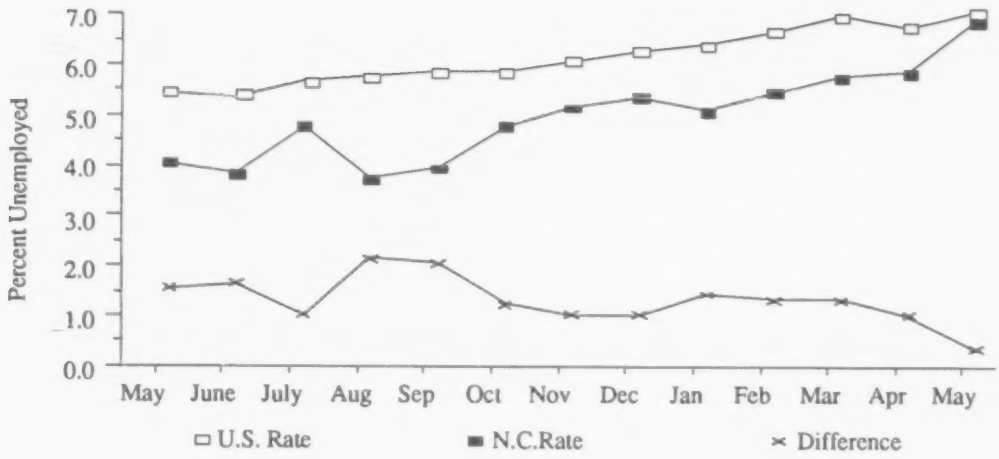

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

May 1990-May 1991

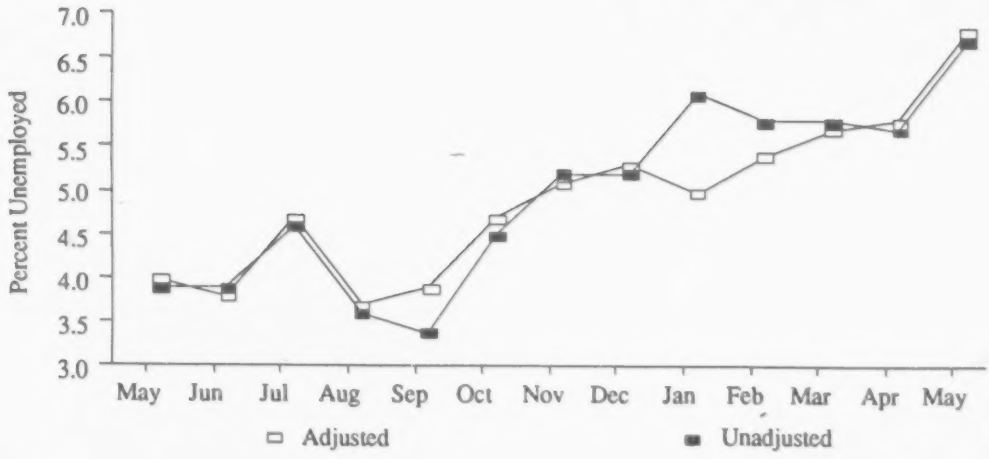

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

May 1991[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment May 1991	Apr.[2] 1991	May 1990	Change From: Apr. 1991 Net	Apr. 1991 Percent	May 1990 Net	May 1990 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,424.0	3,383.3	3,439.0	+ 40.7	+ 1.2	- 15.0	- 0.4
Employment, Total	3,196.4	3,193.4	3,307.5	+ 3.0	+ 0.1	- 111.1	- 3.4
Unemployment, Total	227.6	189.9	131.5	+ 37.7	+ 19.9	+ 96.1	+ 73.1
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	6.6	5.6	3.8	+ 0.1	xxx	+ 2.8	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,412.0	3,417.0	3,431.0	- 5.0	- 0.1	- 19.0	- 0.6
Employment, Total	3,183.0	3,221.0	3,297.0	- 38.0	- 1.2	- 114.0	- 3.5
Unemployment, Total	229.0	196.0	134.0	+ 33.0	+ 16.8	+ 95.0	+ 70.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	6.7	5.7	3.9	+ 1.0	xxx	+ 2.8	xxx
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,101.5	3,107.3	3,136.3	- 5.8	- 0.2	- 35.1	- 1.1
Goods Producing	995.5	997.7	1,036.5	- 2.2	- 0.2	- 41.0	- 4.0
Mining	5.2	5.1	5.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.0	- 0.1	- 1.9
Construction	157.9	160.1	165.4	- 2.2	- 1.4	- 7.5	- 4.5
Manufacturing	832.4	832.5	865.8	- 0.1	0.0	- 33.4	- 3.9
Durable Goods	340.7	341.0	356.5	- 0.3	- 0.1	- 15.8	- 4.4
Lumber & Wood Products	35.5	35.6	36.2	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.7	- 1.9
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.2	12.3	12.6	- 0.1	- 0.8	- 0.4	- 3.2
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	9.4	9.9	- 0.1	- 1.1	- 0.6	- 6.1
Furniture & Fixtures	80.5	80.2	86.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	- 5.5	- 6.4
Household Furniture	71.4	71.3	76.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	- 4.7	- 6.2
Wood Household Furniture	35.6	35.3	37.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.8	- 2.2	- 5.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	29.4	29.7	31.3	- 0.3	- 1.0	- 1.9	- 6.1

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May 1991[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:							
	May 1991	Apr.[2] 1991	May 1990	Apr. 1991				May 1990			
				Net		Percent		Net		Percent	
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.3	21.2	23.1	+	0.1	+	0.5	-	1.8	-	7.8
Structural Clay Products	2.4	2.4	2.8		0.0		0.0	-	0.4	-	14.3
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	6.3	6.2	6.5	+	0.1	+	1.6	-	0.2	-	3.1
Primary Metal Products	11.7	11.9	12.2	-	0.2	-	1.7	-	0.5	-	4.1
Fabricated Metal Products	30.2	30.2	30.5		0.0		0.0	-	0.3	-	1.0
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	9.6	9.5	9.2	+	0.1	+	1.1	+	0.4	+	4.3
Industrial Machinery	64.1	64.1	65.1		0.0		0.0	-	1.0	-	1.5
Special Industry Machinery	7.7	7.6	8.3	-	0.1	-	1.3	-	0.6	-	7.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	53.2	53.3	55.4	-	0.1	-	0.2	-	2.2	-	4.0
Household Appliances	4.1	3.8	5.2	+	0.3	+	7.9	-	1.1	-	21.2
Transportation Equipment	22.9	23.1	26.0	-	0.2	-	0.9	-	3.1	-	11.9
Other Durable Goods[4]	21.3	21.4	22.0	-	0.1	-	0.5	-	0.7	-	3.2
Nondurable Goods	491.7	491.5	509.3	+	0.2		*	-	17.6	-	3.5
Food & Kindred Products	50.3	50.3	50.7		0.0		0.0	-	0.4	-	0.8
Meat Products	24.6	24.5	25.2	+	0.1	+	0.4	-	0.6	-	2.4
Meat Packing Plants	3.1	3.0	3.1	+	0.1	+	3.3		0.0		0.0
Dairy Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+	0.1	+	4.3		0.0		0.0
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.5		0.0		0.0	+	0.1	+	4.0
Bakery Products	8.2	8.4	8.2	-	0.2	-	2.4		0.0		0.0
Beverages	4.7	4.8	4.6	-	0.1	-	2.1	+	0.1	+	2.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.2	19.4	20.1	-	0.2	-	1.0	-	0.9	-	4.5
Cigarettes	15.1	15.1	15.9		0.0		0.0	-	0.8	-	5.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.3	3.8	3.4	-	0.5	-	13.2	-	0.1	-	2.9
Textile Mill Products	207.8	207.0	218.3	+	0.8	+	0.4	-	10.5	-	4.8
Broadwoven Fabrics: Cotton, Manmade & Wool	50.8	50.4	53.0	+	0.4	+	0.8	-	2.2	-	4.2
Broadwoven Fabrics: Cotton	23.3	23.4	24.6	-	0.1	-	0.4	-	1.3	-	5.3
Broadwoven Fabrics, Manmade	24.6	24.3	25.5	+	0.3	+	1.2	-	0.9	-	3.5

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May 1991[1]

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(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
				Apr. 1991		May 1990	
	May 1991	Apr.[2] 1991	May 1990	Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Knitting Mills	82.7	82.3	84.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	- 1.7	- 2.0
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	22.2	22.4	22.8	- 0.2	- 0.9	- 0.6	- 2.6
Hosiery, NEC	22.6	22.4	22.8	- 0.2	- 0.9	- 0.6	- 2.6
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	16.3	16.2	16.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	- 0.3	- 1.8
Lace & Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.3	7.1	7.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.8	0.0	0.0
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	15.4	15.3	16.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	- 0.9	- 5.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.8	45.5	50.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.7	- 5.0	- 9.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.1	77.7	82.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	- 4.8	- 5.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	27.9	28.0	29.9	- 0.1	- 0.4	- 2.0	- 6.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	29.2	28.9	31.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.0	- 2.2	- 7.0
Paper & Allied Products	23.2	23.1	23.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.9	10.0	9.8	- 0.1	- 1.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	9.0	8.9	9.0	- 0.1	- 1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	30.4	30.7	31.0	- 0.3	- 1.0	- 0.6	- 1.9
Newspapers	10.4	10.5	10.8	- 0.1	- 1.0	- 0.4	- 3.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	45.3	45.5	44.5	- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	14.4	14.3	13.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastic Products	33.7	33.8	34.6	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.9	- 2.6
Other Nondurable Goods[5]	3.7	4.0	4.2	- 0.3	- 7.5	- 0.5	- 11.9
Service Producing	2,106.0	2,109.6	2,100.1	- 3.6	- 0.2	+ 5.9	+ 0.3
Transportation	153.7	154.3	151.7	- 0.6	- 0.4	+ 2.0	+ 1.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	57.0	57.6	57.5	- 0.6	- 1.0	- 0.5	- 0.9

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Classification	Total Employment May 1991	Apr.[2] 1991	May 1990	Change From: Apr. 1991 Net	Apr. 1991 Percent	May 1990 Net	May 1990 Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	709.4	711.9	718.0	- 2.5	- 0.4	- 8.6	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	164.1	164.9	167.9	- 0.8	- 0.5	- 3.8	- 2.3
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	93.7	94.1	97.0	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 3.3	- 3.4
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	70.4	70.8	70.9	- 0.4	- 0.6	- 0.5	- 0.7
Retail Trade	545.3	547.0	550.1	- 1.7	- 0.3	- 4.8	- 0.9
General Merchandise Stores	75.2	75.3	79.1	- 0.1	- 0.1	- 3.9	- 4.9
Food Stores	91.6	91.1	90.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	134.6	135.0	134.2	- 0.4	- 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Service & Miscellaneous[6]	608.0	608.5	594.2	- 0.5	- 0.1	+ 13.8	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	31.7	32.1	31.9	- 0.4	- 1.2	- 0.2	- 0.6
Personal Services	29.3	29.7	29.1	- 0.4	- 1.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.7	13.7	14.1	0.0	0.0	- 0.4	- 2.8
Total Government	500.3	499.9	502.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.1	- 1.7	- 0.3
Federal	58.8	58.6	67.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	- 8.3	+ 12.4
State	139.5	139.1	141.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	- 1.8	- 1.3
Education	71.1	70.7	73.8	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	- 2.7	- 3.7
Other	68.4	68.4	67.5	0.0	0.0	+ 0.9	+ 1.3
Local	302.0	302.2	293.6	- 0.2	- 0.1	+ 8.4	+ 2.9
Education	157.5	156.8	153.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 3.6	+ 2.3
Other	144.5	145.4	139.7	- 0.9	- 0.6	+ 4.8	+ 3.4
All Other Nonag. Employment[7]	264.6	275.5	260.2	- 10.9	- 4.0	+ 4.4	+ 1.7
Agriculture	65.7	52.9	57.7	+ 12.8	+ 24.2	+ 8.0	+ 13.9

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Figure 3

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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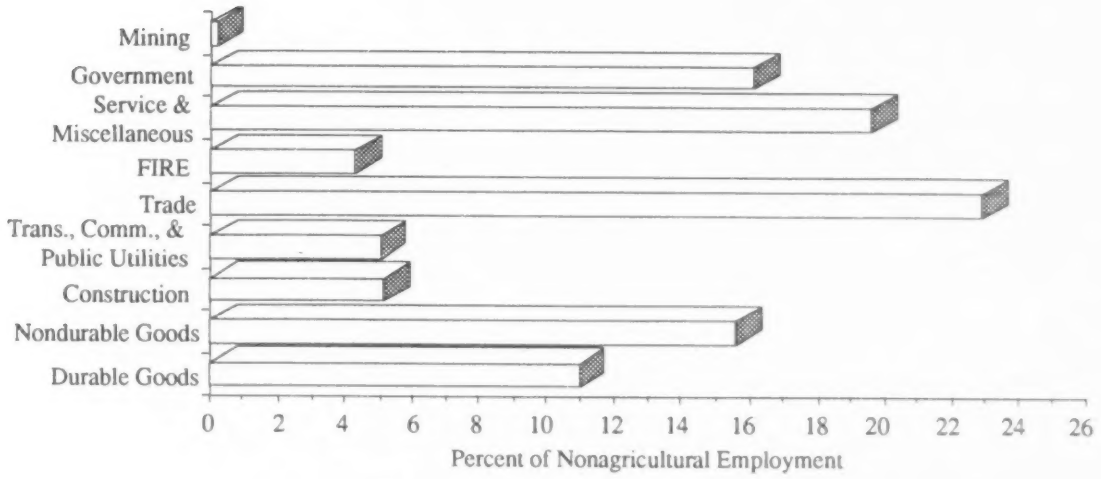

Figure 4

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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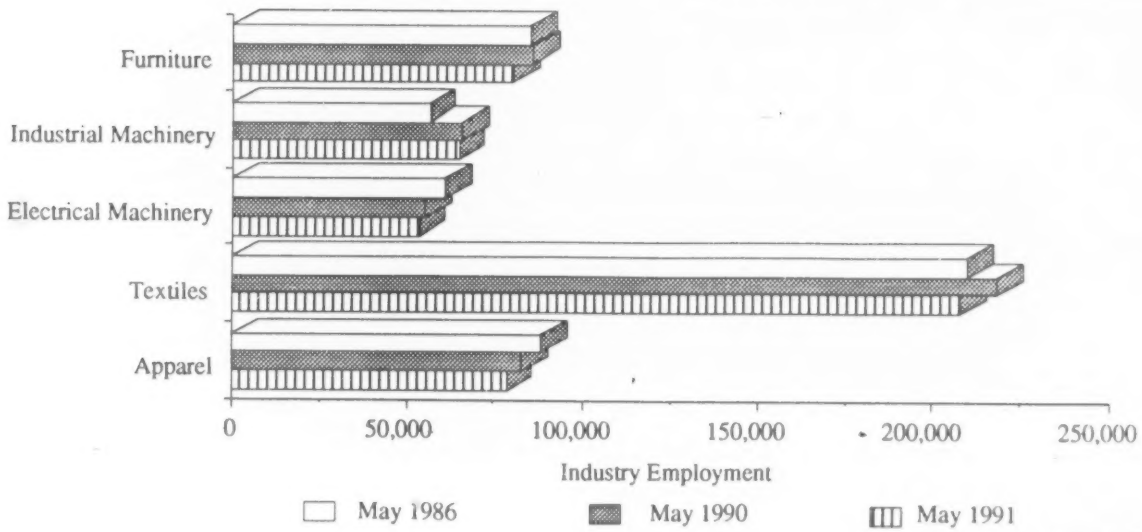

Table 4

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions May 1991[1]

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed[2]	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs[2, 3]	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	9,754	9,097	667	5	983
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	371	364	1	0	4
Clerical Occupations	1,074	1,062	7	1	26
Sales Occupations	320	318	1	0	11
Domestic Service Occupations	143	110	2	0	4
Other Service Occupations	1,598	1,537	4	0	15
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	1,302	766	640	0	42
Processing Occupations	837	837	0	4	2
Machine Trade Occupations	1,001	993	2	0	36
Benchwork Occupations	1,495	1,492	1	0	2
Structural Work Occupations	1,164	1,135	8	0	779
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	273	255	3	0	37
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,557	1,477	7	0	50
Miscellaneous Occupations	38	37	0	0	11

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions May 1991[1]

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,043	310	1,551	136	2,096	410	566
53	5	58	8	143	116	158
138	67	409	72	229	86	142
13	9	231	9	48	1	3
0	0	0	2	102	0	5
94	12	536	29	765	150	180
19	2	15	5	37	18	18
797	0	17	0	22	0	0
848	4	64	1	58	0	6
1,349	2	15	0	135	0	0
196	13	39	10	102	28	40
28	75	78	0	44	7	21
778	125	128	0	442	3	10
15	0	1	0	7	3	3

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Figure 5

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1990-May 1991

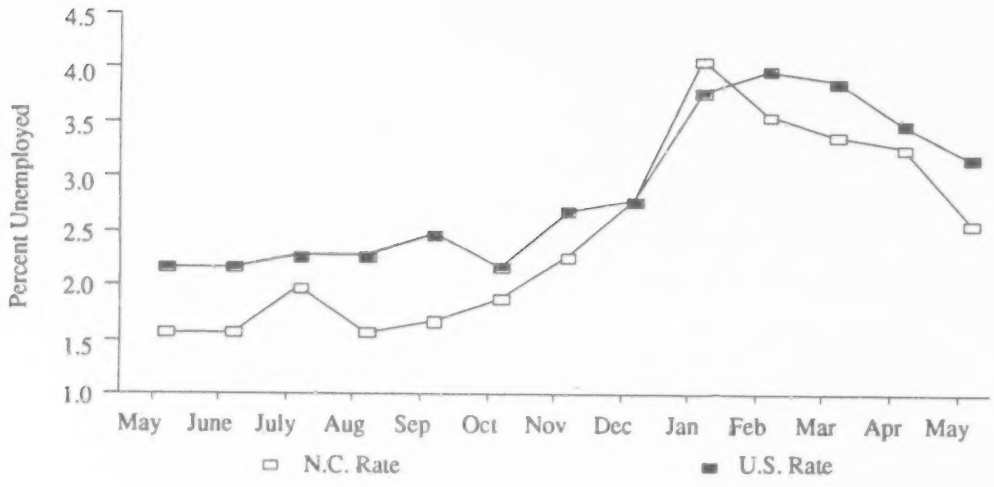

Figure 6

Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

May 1991

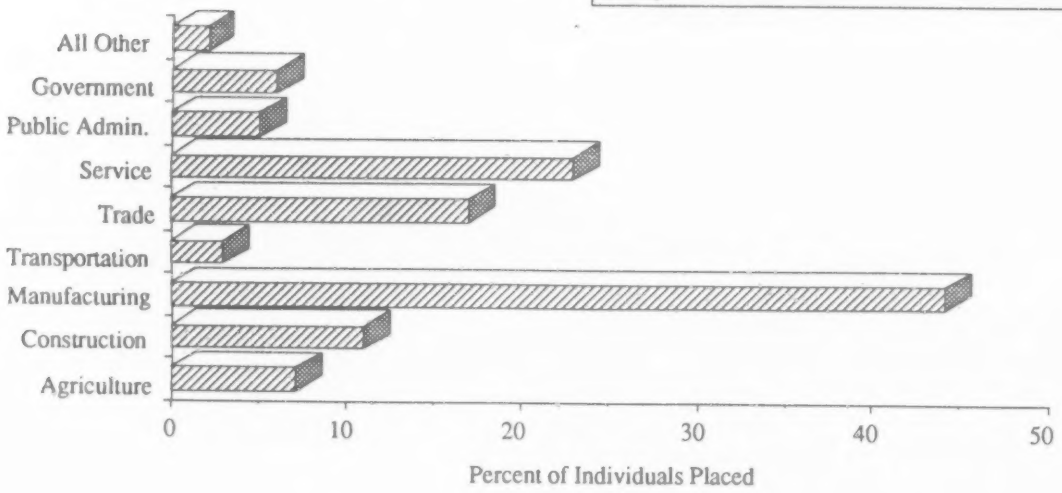

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1991[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment May 1991	Apr.[2] 1991	May 1990	Percent Change From: Apr. 1991	May 1990
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,109.3	3,105.4	3,144.3	+ 0.1	- 1.1
Goods Producing	993.9	992.0	1,035.2	+ 0.2	- 4.0
Mining	5.2	5.1	5.3	+ 2.0	- 1.9
Construction	158.4	157.4	165.9	+ 0.6	- 4.5
Manufacturing	830.3	829.5	864.0	+ 0.1	- 3.9
Durable Goods	340.7	340.5	356.7	+ 0.1	- 4.5
Lumber & Wood Products	35.7	35.6	36.5	+ 0.3	- 2.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.4	12.4	12.8	0.0	- 3.1
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	9.4	9.9	- 1.1	- 6.1
Furniture & Fixtures	80.3	80.3	85.8	0.0	- 6.4
Household Furniture	71.3	71.4	76.0	- 0.1	- 6.2
Wood Household Furniture	35.5	35.4	37.7	+ 0.3	- 5.8
Upholstered Household Furniture	29.4	29.6	31.3	- 0.7	- 6.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	21.3	21.1	23.1	+ 0.9	- 7.8
Structural Clay Products	2.4	2.4	2.8	0.0	- 14.3
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	6.3	6.2	6.5	+ 1.6	- 3.1
Primary Metal Industries	11.7	11.9	12.2	- 1.7	- 4.1
Fabricated Metal Industries	30.0	30.0	30.4	0.0	- 1.3
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	9.6	9.5	9.2	+ 1.1	+ 4.3
Machinery, except Electrical	64.4	64.4	65.4	0.0	- 1.5
Special Industry Machinery	7.7	7.7	8.3	0.0	- 7.2
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	53.0	52.9	55.2	+ 0.2	- 4.0
Household Appliances	4.0	3.7	5.1	+ 8.1	- 21.6
Transportation Equipment	23.1	23.1	26.2	0.0	- 11.8
Other Durable Goods[3]	21.2	21.2	21.9	0.0	- 3.2
Nondurable Goods	489.6	489.0	507.3	+ 0.1	- 3.5
Food & Kindred Products	49.8	49.6	50.2	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Meat Products	24.5	24.3	25.0	+ 0.8	- 2.0
Meat Packing Plants	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Dairy Products	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 4.3	0.0
Grain Mill Products	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	+ 4.0
Bakery Products	8.2	8.3	8.2	- 1.2	0.0
Beverages	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	+ 2.2

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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[5]This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.
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All data are based on 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Codes.
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Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1991[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment May 1991	Apr.[2] 1991	May 1990	Percent Change From: Apr. 1991	May 1990
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.5	17.8	18.4	- 1.7	- 4.9
Cigarettes	14.9	15.2	15.7	- 2.0	- 5.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	- 4.5
Textile Mill Products	207.8	206.8	218.4	+ 0.5	- 4.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Manmade & Wool	50.5	50.3	52.7	+ 0.4	- 4.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.3	23.4	24.5	- 0.4	- 4.9
Weaving Mills, Manmade	24.4	24.2	25.3	+ 0.8	- 3.6
Knitting Mills	82.8	82.4	84.5	+ 0.5	- 2.0
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	22.2	22.4	22.8	- 0.9	- 2.6
Hosiery, NEC	22.4	22.3	23.4	+ 0.4	- 4.3
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	16.4	16.2	16.7	+ 1.2	- 1.8
Lace & Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.4	7.3	7.4	+ 1.4	0.0
Textile Finishing, except Wool	15.4	15.3	16.3	+ 0.7	- 5.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	45.9	45.5	50.9	+ 0.9	- 9.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.9	77.7	82.7	+ 0.3	- 5.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	28.0	28.0	30.0	0.0	- 6.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	29.1	28.9	31.3	+ 0.7	- 7.0
Paper & Allied Products	23.1	23.0	22.9	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.9	10.0	9.8	- 1.0	+ 1.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.9	8.8	8.9	+ 1.1	0.0
Printing & Publishing	30.4	30.8	31.1	- 1.0	- 1.9
Newspapers	10.4	10.5	10.8	- 1.0	- 3.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	45.4	45.4	44.6	0.0	+ 1.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	14.4	14.3	13.9	+ 0.7	+ 3.6
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.9	33.9	34.8	0.0	- 2.6
Other Nondurable Goods[4]	3.7	4.0	4.2	- 7.5	- 11.9

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Table I
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Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1991[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	May 1991	Apr.[2] 1991	May 1990	Apr. 1991	May 1990
Service-Producing	2,115.4	2,113.4	2,109.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	153.1	152.9	151.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Communications & Utilities	57.0	57.1	57.5	- 0.2	- 0.9
Wholesale & Retail Trade	710.0	705.9	718.5	+ 0.6	- 1.2
Wholesale Trade	163.6	163.8	167.4	- 0.1	- 2.3
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	93.7	93.8	97.0	- 0.1	- 3.4
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	69.9	70.0	70.4	- 0.1	- 0.7
Retail Trade	546.4	542.1	551.1	+ 0.8	- 0.9
General Merchandise Stores	73.8	73.5	77.6	+ 0.4	- 4.9
Food Stores	91.4	90.4	90.5	+ 1.1	+ 1.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	134.5	134.2	134.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Service & Miscellaneous[5]	609.2	608.5	595.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	32.7	31.5	33.0	+ 3.8	- 0.9
Personal Services	29.1	30.9	28.9	- 5.8	+ 0.7
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.7	13.5	14.1	+ 1.5	- 2.8
Health Services	163.4	162.9	154.6	+ 0.3	+ 5.7
Hospitals	65.3	65.1	61.5	+ 0.3	+ 6.2
Legal Services	13.6	13.5	13.9	+ 0.7	- 2.2
Education Services	33.5	38.5	34.1	- 13.0	- 1.8
Total Government	508.6	511.9	510.1	- 0.6	- 0.3
Federal	59.4	58.9	67.8	+ 0.8	- 12.4
State	139.0	143.8	140.8	- 3.3	- 1.3
Education	70.7	76.2	73.4	- 7.2	- 3.7
Other	68.3	67.6	67.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
Local	310.2	309.2	301.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
Education	165.8	165.4	162.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.3
Other	144.4	143.8	139.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.5

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

May 1991[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1991	Apr.[3] 1991	May[3] 1990	May 1991	Apr.[3] 1991	May[3] 1990	May 1991	Apr.[3] 1991	May[3] 1990
Mining	$438.05	$433.01	$472.14	43.2	43.0	46.7	$10.14	$10.07	$9.85
Construction	399.40	398.57	383.60	40.1	40.3	40.0	9.96	9.89	9.59
Manufacturing	360.24	357.11	349.13	39.5	39.2	39.9	9.12	9.11	8.75
Durable Goods	369.66	371.15	363.31	39.2	39.4	40.1	9.43	9.42	9.06
Lumber & Wood Products	327.92	327.18	319.16	39.7	39.9	40.4	8.26	8.20	7.90
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	333.23	329.62	320.38	40.1	40.1	39.7	8.31	8.22	8.07
Furniture & Fixtures	302.52	313.02	299.15	36.1	37.0	37.3	8.38	8.46	8.02
Household Furniture	298.57	311.91	295.26	35.8	37.0	37.0	8.34	8.43	7.98
Wood Household Furniture	307.26	307.58	298.62	38.6	38.4	39.5	7.96	8.01	7.56
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	402.60	407.43	407.06	40.3	40.5	41.2	9.99	10.06	9.88
Structural Clay Products	343.48	317.58	331.17	36.5	37.1	39.0	8.66	8.64	8.13
Primary Metal Industries	455.63	436.40	448.42	40.9	40.0	43.2	11.14	10.91	10.38
Fabricated Metal Industries	401.80	393.02	400.88	41.0	39.9	41.2	9.80	9.85	9.73
Industrial Machinery	423.15	420.09	409.03	40.3	40.2	41.4	10.50	10.45	9.88
Special Industry Machinery	383.77	388.28	395.62	39.2	39.3	41.6	9.79	9.88	9.51
Electrical Machinery	400.46	403.38	381.71	41.2	41.5	41.0	9.72	9.72	9.31
Household Appliances	305.23	295.48	292.09	42.1	41.5	40.4	7.25	7.12	7.23
Transportation Equipment	436.57	427.97	437.14	40.2	39.7	42.4	10.86	10.78	10.31
Nondurable Goods	353.63	348.38	340.29	39.6	39.1	39.8	8.93	8.91	8.55
Food & Kindred Products	326.83	313.56	313.84	40.3	39.0	40.6	8.11	8.04	7.73
Meat Products	270.27	259.31	268.52	39.0	37.8	40.5	6.93	6.86	6.63
Meat Packing Plants	387.70	372.15	396.00	46.1	45.0	46.1	8.41	8.27	8.59

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May 1991[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1991	Apr.[3] 1991	May[3] 1990	May 1991	Apr.[3] 1991	May[3] 1990	May 1991	Apr.[3] 1991	May[3] 1990
Dairy Products	357.83	351.96	349.43	42.7	42.1	44.4	8.38	8.36	7.87
Grain Mill Products	387.77	402.32	393.06	45.3	47.0	47.3	8.56	8.56	8.31
Bakery Products	375.31	346.40	341.09	42.6	40.0	40.8	8.81	8.66	8.36
Beverages	616.74	589.37	572.77	41.7	40.9	41.0	14.79	14.41	13.97
Tobacco Manufacturers	746.88	669.66	690.50	38.9	36.1	39.3	19.20	18.55	17.57
Cigarettes	824.51	733.44	759.71	39.3	35.9	39.1	20.98	20.43	19.43
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	241.14	242.95	250.02	35.1	35.1	41.6	6.87	6.62	6.01
Textile Mill Products	312.44	307.71	309.20	39.6	39.0	40.0	7.89	7.89	7.73
Broadwoven Mills, Cotton, Manmade & Wool	337.66	333.06	342.59	39.4	39.0	40.4	8.57	8.54	8.48
Broadwoven Mills, Cotton	324.10	326.48	322.82	38.4	38.5	38.8	8.44	8.48	8.32
Broadwoven Mills, Manmade	348.87	339.31	361.57	40.1	39.5	41.8	8.70	8.59	8.65
Knitting Mills	287.98	285.37	281.64	38.5	38.1	38.9	7.48	7.49	7.24
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	259.24	258.93	252.95	37.9	37.9	38.5	6.84	6.85	6.57
Hosiery, NEC	267.91	261.71	267.75	36.6	35.9	37.5	7.32	7.29	7.14
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	332.52	331.27	319.59	40.7	40.3	40.2	8.17	8.22	7.95
Lace & Warp Knit Fabric	363.58	364.65	335.96	42.6	42.9	42.1	8.53	8.50	7.98
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	362.15	356.84	330.64	44.6	44.0	41.8	8.12	8.11	7.91
Yarn & Thread Mills	307.65	298.38	307.89	39.8	38.7	40.3	7.73	7.71	7.64
Apparel & Other Textile Products	239.36	235.25	221.67	37.4	36.7	36.7	6.40	6.41	6.04
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	251.04	243.54	222.88	38.8	37.7	36.3	6.47	6.46	6.14
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	221.30	217.55	205.25	36.7	35.9	36.2	6.03	6.06	5.67

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May 1991[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1991	Apr.[3] 1991	May[3] 1990	May 1991	Apr.[3] 1991	May[3] 1990	May 1991	Apr.[3] 1991	May[3] 1990
Paper & Allied Products	529.09	542.12	520.99	42.6	43.3	43.2	12.42	12.52	12.06
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	714.38	723.22	697.70	45.3	45.4	45.1	15.77	15.93	15.47
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	406.96	416.37	419.13	41.4	42.1	42.9	9.83	9.89	9.77
Printing & Publishing	403.13	405.34	393.39	38.8	38.9	39.3	10.39	10.42	10.01
Newspapers	329.99	324.94	310.73	32.9	32.3	32.3	10.03	10.06	9.62
Chemicals & Allied Products	519.87	526.38	494.47	42.3	42.9	42.7	12.29	12.27	11.58
Plastics & Synthetics	540.17	556.42	548.75	42.3	43.2	43.9	12.77	12.88	12.50
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	464.43	455.13	433.70	41.1	40.6	40.8	11.30	11.21	10.63
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	557.44	564.28	555.12	41.2	41.4	42.8	13.53	13.63	12.97
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.40	227.00	222.15	31.0	30.8	31.6	7.40	7.37	7.03
Wholesale Trade	383.17	376.70	362.16	38.9	38.4	38.9	9.85	9.81	9.31
Retail Trade	186.62	185.12	183.22	28.8	28.7	29.6	6.48	6.45	6.19
General Merchandise Stores	185.54	185.15	178.44	27.9	27.8	28.1	6.65	6.66	6.35
Food Stores	197.57	196.54	194.53	29.8	29.6	30.3	6.63	6.64	6.42
Services, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	167.61	162.84	152.64	30.2	29.5	28.8	5.55	5.52	5.30
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	235.28	235.98	225.34	34.6	34.5	35.1	6.80	6.84	6.42

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Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

May 1991

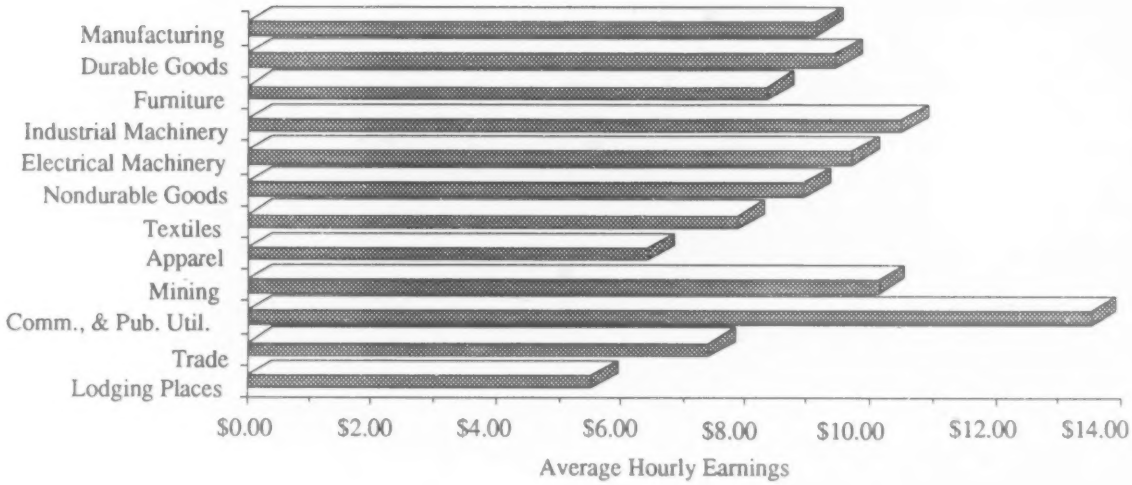

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

May 1991

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

May 1991[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	May 1991	Apr.[2] 1991	May 1990	Apr. 1991	May 1990
Manufacturing	637.2	636.4	670.9	+ 0.1	- 5.0
Durable Goods	245.4	245.5	261.9	0.0	- 6.3
Lumber & Wood Products	30.3	30.1	30.8	+ 0.7	- 1.6
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	7.8	7.8	8.2	0.0	- 4.9
Furniture & Fixtures	68.8	68.9	74.6	- 0.1	- 7.8
Household Furniture	61.7	61.7	66.6	0.0	- 7.4
Wood Household Furniture	31.2	31.1	33.7	+ 0.3	- 7.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	16.5	16.3	18.3	+ 1.2	- 9.8
Structural Clay Products	1.8	1.7	2.1	+ 5.9	- 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.6	8.7	9.1	- 1.1	- 5.5
Fabricated Metal Industries	21.5	21.6	22.0	- 0.5	- 2.3
Industrial Machinery	33.2	33.3	34.0	- 0.3	- 2.4
Special Industry Machinery	5.1	5.2	5.5	- 1.9	- 7.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	33.2	33.2	36.5	0.0	- 9.0
Household Appliances	3.4	3.2	4.5	+ 6.2	- 24.4
Transportation Equipment	18.1	18.1	21.1	0.0	- 14.2
Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing	15.2	15.3	15.5	- 0.7	- 1.9
Nondurable Goods	391.8	390.9	409.0	+ 0.2	- 4.2
Food & Kindred Products	35.9	35.7	36.2	+ 0.6	- 0.8
Meat Products	20.8	20.7	21.3	+ 0.5	- 2.3
Meat Packing Plants	2.1	2.2	2.2	- 4.5	- 4.5
Dairy Products	1.4	1.3	1.3	+ 7.7	+ 7.7
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	+ 6.2
Bakery Products	4.8	4.9	4.7	- 2.0	+ 2.1

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Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

May 1991[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	May 1991	Apr.[2] 1991	May 1990	Apr. 1991	May 1990
Beverages	1.9	1.8	1.9	+ 5.6	0.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	12.1	12.3	12.9	- 1.6	- 6.2
Cigarettes	10.3	10.6	11.1	- 2.8	- 7.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.6	1.3	1.4	0.0	- 7.1
Textile Mill Products	182.0	180.9	192.0	+ 0.6	- 5.2
Broadwoven Fabrics-Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	44.5	44.3	46.7	+ 0.5	- 4.7
Broadwoven Fabrics Mills-Cotton	20.8	20.8	21.8	0.0	- 4.6
Broadwoven Fabrics Mills-Manmade	21.3	21.1	22.3	+ 0.9	- 4.5
Knitting Mills	72.7	72.4	74.3	+ 0.4	- 2.2
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	19.7	19.9	20.3	- 1.0	- 3.0
Hosiery, NEC	20.0	19.9	21.0	+ 0.5	- 4.8
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	14.2	14.1	14.7	+ 0.7	- 3.4
Lace and Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	5.8	6.0	0.0	- 3.3
Textile Finishing, except Wool	12.8	12.6	13.6	+ 1.6	- 5.9
Yarn & Thread Mills	41.2	40.7	46.0	+ 1.2	- 10.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	66.6	66.5	71.9	+ 0.2	- 7.4
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	23.9	24.0	26.6	- 0.4	- 10.2
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	24.7	24.5	26.9	+ 0.8	- 8.2
Paper & Allied Products	17.9	17.8	17.8	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.6	7.4	- 1.3	+ 1.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.9	6.9	7.0	0.0	- 1.4
Printing & Publishing	19.0	19.2	19.3	- 1.0	- 1.6
Newspapers	4.0	4.0	4.2	0.0	- 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	27.8	27.8	27.5	0.0	+ 1.1
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	10.1	10.2	9.8	- 1.0	+ 3.1
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.4	27.3	27.8	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	3.1	3.4	3.6	- 8.8	- 13.9

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

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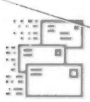

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